

EPA Region 7 has received the isolation barrier alternatives reports from the PRPs. As described in our Aug 13, 2014 letter to the MO AG, we have provided the report to the United States Army Corps of Engineers and to Lambert-St Louis International Airport for review. Each of these entities play an important role in this effort given the technical complexities of such a construction project, and the public safety concerns related to bird strikes. In partnership with USACE and SLAA, we are working diligently to develop a safe solution to address concerns about the SSE coming into contact with RIM.

In addition, EPA Region 7 appreciates and supports the work of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the State of Missouri, through its legal orders, in directing Republic Services to monitor and contain the subsurface smoldering event (SSE) in the Bridgeton Landfill portion of the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site. The additional temperature data and corrective action assessment recently required by MDNR will support both MDNR's efforts to monitor the SSE, as well as EPA and USACE efforts to evaluate barrier alternatives. EPA is in regular communication with MDNR and the Potentially Responsible Parties to closely monitor the SSE.